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## CHURCH STRUCK, MANY INJURED

Lesson of the Sermon  
was Miraculously  
Illustrated.

## HOUSE OF WORSHIP IN SHEET OF FLAME

Congregation Blinded and Stunned,  
Many Painfully Injured and  
Doctor Had to be Summoned—Some Had Their  
Shoes Torn From  
Their Feet.

The days of miracles have not passed. That sixty men and women, worshipping on Sunday in Cool Spring Baptist Church, at Altice, in Hanover county, are alive to-day is proof that the protecting hand of God is stretched out now no less than in the distant biblical days of the past. A bolt of lightning struck the church, and after wrecking the belfry, tearing down the bell and injuring the roof, entered the church, and while splitting benches and tearing great holes in the floor, spared the lives of every one present. How the congregation escaped death is something no one can explain, for great pieces of pews were blown about the church, plaster was torn from the walls and the thick boards of the floor placed as though they had been paper. The backs of the pews were bored through, the carpet was ripped up and the railings broken into a hundred pieces. Pieces of the belfry were thrown thirty yards, and a great oak tree, growing near the church, was ripped from top to bottom, and its bark scattered broadcast over the church yard. A living sheet of fire raced through the church, like a Shadrach, Meshack and Abnegado of old, the worshippers passed alive through the evil fire. The preacher had just uttered these words:

"Christ will pilot you through the storm of life," when the crash came, and in a moment tumult reigned. Nearly every person in the church was knocked down to the floor, and for fully a minute there was a silence as though death held the congregation in its cold grasp. Then women shrieked, men cried hysterically and strong men cried like children.

As a rush was made for the door the plaster began to fall from the ceiling, and this added to the confusion and terror of the struggling crowd.

Nine Were Unconscious.

Nine persons, one of whom was a woman, remained insensible in the church, and these had to be carried out and ministered to before they recovered consciousness. A boy on a horse was dispatched for a doctor, and as he rode he spread the news through the country that Cool Spring Baptist Church had been burnt down by lightning and that numbers of people had been killed. Within an hour a wildly excited crowd of several hundred persons had gathered at Altice, and all manner of startling rumors were being circulated.

Cool Spring Baptist Church, of which the Rev. W. F. Dunaway is pastor, is within a stone's throw of Altice, a station eight miles from Richmond on the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Dunaway held services there, about sixty persons being in the building. Black clouds and a sudden stillness of the winds gave notice that a storm was near, and so the preacher, seeing before him an opportunity for driving home a truth, took for his text the fourteenth verse of the one hundred and seventh Psalm, "Then are they glad because they are quiet; so he bringeth them into their desired haven." His sermon dealt with the storm of life, and the all powerful hand of God that guided his people through the perils of temptation.

Just as the preacher was about to conclude and as he said: "Christ will pilot you through the storms of life," the church was struck and the service came to a sudden end with a baptism of fire.

From Tree to Church.

A great oak tree next to the church building was first struck, the bolt jumping to the roof of the belfry, tearing it to pieces and wrecking the bell. The tin of the roof acting as a conductor, carried the current to the stove pipe of the church stove, down which it went into the body of the church.

Mrs. Sarah Madison, sitting opposite the stove, was knocked down, burned and killed. Her shoes were ripped from her feet and her nerves were all unstrung. She is in bed under the doctor's care.

Mr. Gus. B. Hill, of Indianapolis, received more serious injuries than did any of the congregation. He was burned on both legs and on his shoulders, besides receiving a terrible shock.

This is Hill's story:

"I am from Indianapolis and was once a cartoonist on the Indianapolis News. I've been a theatrical man and I work with Porter and the Artistic Exploration Journal. I was listening to the preacher because I saw he was trying to make use of the storm to catch the congregation and I wanted to see if he would succeed. Just as he uttered the words, 'Christ will pilot you through the storm of life,' the stroke came. I remember seeing a sheet of flame, then I was raked up and thrown in the floor. When I opened my eyes I saw Carey, the telegraph operator, stretched out dead, as I thought. His face was white and drawn and he looked like a dead man. I tried to move but I couldn't. They took me out and Dr. A. R. Gray attended me. I've been nauseated and I can't eat."

Hill was taken to the house of Mrs. Filipo, where he is being kindly cared for. Dr. Gray having spent last night at William Atkinson's, a farmer, had his legs and back badly burnt. He was out on yesterday, although suffering acutely.

Nelson Hughes, a farmer, had his leg

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## MADMAN KILLED FOUR AND HIMSELF

California Man Runs  
Amuck and Leaves  
Bloody Trail.

## SHOT WOMEN AND BOY; STABBED MAN

Slew Mother and Son in One  
House and Then on Bicycle  
Went Through City to the  
Residence of Revenue Col-  
lector, Where He Re-  
sumed Shooting.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN DIEGO, CAL., May 15.—William P. Robinson, a house cleaner, ran amuck to-day, killing four persons, wounding two others and then killing himself. The dead are:

WILLIAM STEWART.  
MRS. EMMA STEWART.  
H. W. CHASE.  
HARRY DODDRIDGE.  
W. ROBINSON.  
The wounded:  
Mrs. W. H. Doddridge.  
W. H. Doddridge was injured by falling out of a window.

At first Robinson was said to be crazed by liquor, but later it was stated that he had threatened Doddridge for an alleged attempt to have Robinson shanghaied when he was a sailor. It is said also that he had expressed a dislike for the Stewarts.

### Record of a Madman.

About 8 o'clock this morning Robinson left his house, at the corner of Fourth and A Streets, and going to the apartment in the same building occupied by Mrs. Emma Stewart, the landlady, and her son, William, rapped for admission. Mrs. Stewart, upon opening the door, was shot through the head by Robinson, who had leveled a rifle. Robinson then entered the dining room, where young Stewart, who had been seated at breakfast, was just rising from the table. Robinson attacked him immediately, plunging a long knife into Stewart's body, close to the heart, and again into the abdomen. At the second stab Stewart sank to the floor with blood pouring from his body in a stream.

Robinson then returned to his rooms. Reloading his rifle and leaving his knife, he slipped a revolver into his pocket. He then descended to the first floor, one portion of which was used as a carpenter shop by H. W. Chase. Chase probably saw Robinson enter, but paid no attention to him. For Robinson approached close to him, and suddenly throwing up his rifle, fired, the bullet entering Chase's breast, close to the heart. Chase died immediately.

### Shot Mother and Son.

From the carpenter shop Robinson proceeded on his bicycle down Fourth Street for several blocks, through the business section of the town with the rifle still in his hands. He went directly to the house of W. H. Doddridge, internal revenue collector, on the northeast corner of Second and H Streets. He left his wheel at the curb and ran up the steps to the front door, carrying his revolver in one hand and rifle in the other. In response to his ring, Harry Doddridge, son of W. H. Doddridge, and who is an engineer at the San Diego brewery, opened the door.

Robinson fired his revolver and young Doddridge sank to the floor with a bullet just above the heart. Death followed before medical assistance could be summoned.

Mrs. Doddridge, the young man's mother, hearing the shot and perhaps witnessing the tragedy, ran screaming from the house. Robinson, hearing the screams, started through the house after the woman. As she was crossing the yard, the crazed man caught sight of her and fired, the bullet striking her in the back. She fell headlong upon her face in the yard.

W. H. Doddridge, who was in bed on the second floor, when the commotion began, jumped or fell out of the window, breaking the bones of his right hand and probably sustaining internal injuries.

### Killed Himself.

Robinson searched the house for more people. When he came to the room just vacated by Doddridge, he climbed upon the bed, and, placing his revolver to his temple, fired a bullet, which tore off the top of his head.

There is no known reason for thinking there had been ill feeling between Robinson and any of his victims. Collector Doddridge says he never even saw or heard of Robinson before.

## A BRUTAL CRIME IN CHARLES CITY COUNTY

Two Women Beat to Insensibility and Left for Dead.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PROVIDENCE FORGE, VA., May 15.—A most hideous crime was committed Friday night in Charles City county, a few miles from this place, by Winston Gaines, a burly negro man.

About the middle of the night, by force, he entered the home of Laura Dennis, a very old and decrepit negro woman, who lived alone with her adopted daughter, Nannie Christian, and two little children. He was unceremoniously beaten, and later the younger woman revived sufficiently to go to the neighbors and give the alarm. She is in a very critical condition, but may be entirely dead, with her skull crushed and arm broken.

The man was arrested a few hours later, while sitting in a neighbor's yard carelessly whittling a stick.



ONLY ONE WHO DON'T MIND THE HEAT.

## YACHTS OFF ON BIG RACE TO-DAY

Will Travel Three Thousand  
Miles Across Ocean—Eleven  
Starters in All.

### KAISER SENDS GREETING

Race Will be Greatest Sporting  
Event of Its Kind of the  
Century.

"Allison V. Armour, Deimonico's, New York:

"Best greetings to yacht owners and Starting Committee, hoping race will be a success and wishing good and speedy cruises."

"WILLIAM I. R."

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, May 15.—With the incentive of a valuable cup and three other prizes offered by the German Emperor, eleven large sailing yachts of various rigs and representing three nations, assembled in the inner harbor to-day, fully prepared for the start to-morrow of a race across the North Atlantic. Eight of the contestants are vessels owned in this country, two are from England, while Germany has one representative. The event is looked upon in the yachting world as one of the most important in many years, in that, it will test the stability and rig of the present type of pleasure craft as well as the seamanship of the modern yachtsmen. The interest of the Kaiser is manifested by the cable message printed above, received in New York Saturday night.

### Three-Thousand Mile Race.

A representative of Emperor William, assisted by a committee of American yachtsmen, will start the fleet at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at Sandy Hook Lightship, ten miles outside of this harbor. The finish will be at the Lizard, on the English coast more than three thousand miles away, when a German war vessel will note the winner.

Of the eleven yachts entered for the event, one is a full rigged ship, another is a bark, a third is a topsail schooner, two are three-masted schooners, five are two-masted schooners and one is a yawl. Of the two-masted schooners, several are equipped with a yard in the foremast in order that they may be able like their

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### POINTER ON THE WEATHER

FORECAST—For  
A. I. A. M.  
Tuesday and  
Wednesday: Vir-  
ginia and North  
Carolina—Show-  
ers and thunder-  
storms Tuesday  
and Wednesday;  
cooler Tuesday in  
eastern portions;  
light, variable  
winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.  
Richmond weather yesterday was hot  
and rainy. Range of the Thermometer:  
9 A. M. 74 6 P. M. 88  
12 M. 80 9 P. M. 71  
8 P. M. 69 12 M. 72  
Average 80

Highest temperature yesterday 80  
Lowest temperature yesterday 69  
Mean temperature yesterday 78  
Normal temperature for May 77  
Departure from normal temperature, 11  
Precipitation during past 24 hours .08

### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

May 16, 1905.  
Sun rises 6:02  
Sun sets 7:11  
Moon sets 8:39

HIGH TIDE.  
Morning 2:09  
Evening 2:43

## WHO SUCCEEDS MAJOR MYERS?

Names of Richmond Men Are  
Being Freely Men-  
tioned.

### SIX ROADS OWN STOCK

Pennsylvania Railroad Company  
Practically Controls the  
Situation.

The question of who will succeed Major E. T. D. Myers as president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and the Washington Southern Railways, is of absorbing interest just at present.

The names of a number of well-known railroad men are being mentioned, any one of whom would ably fill the position, but it cannot be definitely learned that any one has been tendered the office.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and the Washington Southern Railways are both controlled by the Richmond-Washington Company, which was organized under the laws of New Jersey, September 5, 1901, for the purpose of acquiring control of the one hundred and fifteen miles of road between Richmond and Washington. The stock of the holding company is owned by the following railroads, each owning one-sixth of the stock:

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company.  
The Atlantic Coast Line Company.  
The Southern Railway Company.  
The Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company.  
The Seaboard Air Line Railway Company.  
The Baltimore and Ohio Railway Company.

Nearly all of the officers of the holding company are from Philadelphia and the president's office is in that city. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is supposed to control the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Baltimore and Ohio, so that at least one-half the stock is controlled by that road. It is thought, therefore, that the Pennsylvania Railroad authorities will name the new president.

The State of Virginia owns \$75,000 of stock of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, but as the stock of the road is controlled by the Richmond-Washington Company, the State proxies will have no voice in the selection of Major Myers's successor.

It is more than probable that an official of the Pennsylvania Railroad will be appointed, although the name of a prominent railroad lawyer of Richmond is being freely mentioned as the man who will receive the honor.

As far as can be learned no meeting has yet been held by the Richmond-Washington Company to fill the vacancy.

## SECRETARY OF NAVY COMING TO RICHMOND

Reported That the Dolphin Left  
Last Evening for  
This City.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PORTSMOUTH, VA., May 15.—Secretary of the Navy, Paul Morton, arrived in the inner harbor this afternoon from Washington on the dispatch boat, Dolphin, and came to the navy yard in a barge of Rear Admiral Harrington. As this visit to the yard was of an official nature he was shown about the big Government plant for the first time since he entered the cabinet by the commandant.

It was announced in the office of Rear Admiral Harrington, while the secretary was making his inspection of the yard that the Dolphin weighed anchor at 6 o'clock and proceeded out of the harbor.

## SAVANNAH OPEN ARMS TO T. P. A.

Virginians Have Delightful Trip  
and Are Cordially Received  
in Far South.

### "BUCK" JOHNSON PRESIDENT

Tennessee Man Likely to be  
Made National Chief—Buffalo  
Wants Next Meeting.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent.)

SAVANNAH, GA., May 15.—Savannah, city of parks and monuments, bedecked with fragrant flowers, nestling amid the living green of the symmetrical palm and fanned by the breezes of the tawny Savannah River, which rolls its red-brown waters to the blue Atlantic, not eighteen miles away, opened wide her arms to-day to the National Travelers' Protective Association.

Although the heat of midsummer brooded over the land, and though the dwellers in this historic city of the Southland would rather have indulged in their diurnal siesta, yet moved by that impulse which has made the South famous for its hospitality, the city opened its arms to the strangers from the four points of the compass and speedily made them feel that they were among friends.

Delightful Trip.

The first faint gleams from the eastern skies was gliding the spires of Savannah's ancient houses of worship when the special bearing the Virginia delegation rolled into the depot. Never was journey made with more comfort than that of the representatives of the Old Dominion over the Seaboard Air Line. Two sleepers and a dining car were put at their service, and they were accompanied to their destination by Mr. Harry S. Leard, district passenger agent of the road, by Mr. R. E. Jones, traveling freight agent, and by Captain H. B. Austin in charge of the dining car, where an excellent meal was served.

The night was intensely hot, and the passengers would have suffered greatly had not Mr. Leard, with kindly forethought, provided a lower berth for each and every passenger, thus making exceedingly pleasant what would have otherwise been a disagreeable experience, and in Savannah Mr. Leard and Mr. Jones continued their efforts to provide every comfort for their passengers.

On the train when it pulled out from the Main Street Station in Richmond were the following well known citizens: Eugene H. Clowes and Mrs. Clowes, H. L. Lorraine, president of Post A. A. Harwood, Mrs. Lorraine, Colonel John S. Harwood, J. L. Hill, C. Walton Saunders, Joseph Wallerstein, a former president of the national body; Harvey L. Harwood, secretary of Post A; Isadore Lovenstein, R. W. Moore and Hampton Fleming.

From Alexandria came A. D. Brockett, former president of the Virginia Division, and Mrs. Brockett; Mrs. George A. Muehback, widow of the well known senator; Mrs. Kate Stone, J. Y. Williams, O. H. Kirk and R. F. Downman.

At Petersburg Mr. J. S. Beckwith, one

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## 22 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 22 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 10 are as follows:

6 Trades. 1 Domestic.  
1 Salesman. 7 Office.  
7 Miscellaneous.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## NO FAVORS FOR AMERICAN FIRMS

Panama Board Will Buy  
From Markets of  
The World.

## GREAT OUTCRY AT HOME IS EXPECTED

Prices Demanded by Concerns in  
United States Excessively High,  
Declares Taft, Who Reluc-  
tantly Endorses Decision  
of Commission—Force  
Americans to Terms.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Executive Committee of the Isthmian Canal Commission to-day decided to purchase in the markets of the world material and ships necessary for the building of the Panama Canal.

This important decision was reached with some reluctance, because it was appreciated by Secretary Taft and the Executive Committee that there would surely be a great outcry from two great interests in this country—the producers of material and the shipowners—if the purchases were not limited to American products. It was decided, however, that the money consideration was so great that it could not be ignored, for it was held that in some cases fully fifty per cent. more would be charged for material needed in canal construction than the same goods could be procured for from Europe. Chief Engineer Wallace, for instance, showed that two ships in addition to those running between New York and Colon and owned by the Panama Railroad Company, were absolutely necessary to carry the food supplies and material needed for the work. No American ships could be bought at any reasonable price, and when it came to building such ships, it was found, according to Secretary Taft's statement, that while he could buy two six-thousand ton ships in Europe for \$750,000, it would cost \$1,400,000 to build such ships here.

As to material needed for canal construction, the committee decided that by reserving to itself the right to purchase in the world's markets it would at least oblige American manufacturers to give the benefit of their foreign prices if they wish to sell goods to the committee.

Secretary Taft explained to-day that he felt obliged to endorse this decision, because having given Congress every opportunity to give a contrary direction, he felt that the very terms of the canal act provided that it should be constructed at the lowest possible cost.

### SOUTH GAINING AT EXPENSE OF NORTH

(By Associated Press.)  
BOSTON, MASS., May 15.—In an address on child labor before the Evangelical Alliance at Harkis Street Church to-day, Lieutenant-Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., declared that the South was gaining in industries at the expense of the North.

In twenty years the labor cost per spindle has increased in New England from \$1.73 to \$4.31 in spite of the constant improvement in machinery. The labor cost in the South, with the benefit of these same improvements, has decreased from \$0.8 to \$1.07. The South is not only gaining, but it is going in part at northern expense, forcing us if not to reduce our force, at least to change the character of the product."

### Alabama Tariff Revision.

(By Associated Press.)  
MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 15.—The Alabama Railroad Commission was in session all to-day hearing oral argument in support of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, the Southern Railway and the Alabama Great Southern Railroad. The commission had adjourned for the purpose May 6, when testimony from all the roads operating in Alabama in the question of a general revision of tariffs was concluded.

The commission went into executive session at a late hour and it is expected that the tariff revision, if any, will be announced to-morrow.

### Negro Was Riddled.

(By Associated Press.)  
CORDELL, W. Va., May 15.—After shooting down Captain W. A. Vaughn, Heywood Moore, a negro, held an Abbeville mob at bay for some little time. He was riddled with bullets. The trouble occurred early to-day at the railroad station, while the negro was resisting arrest. He was armed with a Winchester rifle and had 300 cartridges in his pockets.

### VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT IS UPHELD

Decision Affirmed in Pilotage  
Case and Case of Old Domi-  
nion Steamship Company.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day affirmed the opinion of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, sustaining a State tax on the vessels of the Old Dominion Steamship Company. In delivering the opinion, Mr. Justice Brewer said:

"Our conclusion is that where vessels, though engaged in interstate commerce, are employed in such commerce wholly within the limits of a State, they are subject to taxation within that State, although they may have been registered or enrolled at a port outside its limits."

Justice White to-day announced the decision of the court in the case of Thompson vs. Darden, sustaining the validity of the pilotage laws of the State of Virginia. The opinion was favorable to Darden, affirming the decision of the Supreme Court of the State.

### Answers Charges.

Then the senator took up the charge made against him that while in the senate he had voted against the call resolution to investigate the alleged fraudulent use of money in the election of United States senators.

"The answer to that charge is very simple, very plain, very brief and very direct," said Senator Martin, speaking very slowly. "It is not true. When the alleged fraudulent use of money was alleged, I was not in the senate. I was in the United States court."

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## BIG FIELD DAY IN ROCKINGHAM

Martin, Willard and  
Mann Speak for an  
Hour Each.

## SEN. KEEZELL WIELDS A BIG INFLUENCE

He Is for Martin and He Is Also  
for Willard—Swanson Has  
Three Clubs and Willard  
Men Are Getting To-  
gether—In Staun-  
ton To-day.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)  
HARRISONBURG, VA., May 15.—Senator Martin, Lieutenant-Governor Willard and Judge William Hodges Mann addressed a large crowd of Rockingham sovereigns in the courthouse here to-day. Each speaker took about an hour in which to present reasons why he should be the popular selection for the office to which he aspired. Each did this in a manner most convincing to his friends, and while it is hardly to be supposed votes were actually changed, there are evidences that old friends were strengthened and those in doubt were made certain of their preferences. The friends of Senator Martin claim with confidence the county will give him a pronounced majority. "Barney" Kezell, as constituents of the well known State senator call him at home, is for Senator Martin. That means a volume.

Supporters of Mr. Swanson for the governorship predict he will carry the county by a majority as large as that which will be received by any candidate. But "Barney" is not for Senator Martin. "Barney" is for Captain Willard. That fact should encourage the Lieutenant-Governor's friends. It has been a long while since Senator Kezell has been on the losing side in a game of politics played in Rockingham. However, there are five Swanson clubs in the county. One here, headed by W. C. Switzer; one at Elkton, Mt. Clinton, McGaheysville and Timberville. The Willard men are organizing.

### Judge Mann.

Judge Mann's speech made a fine impression to-day. It was devoted largely to a discussion of the merits of the candidates. He said that the law closed up only one saloon in the county prevents it being much of an issue. Whiskey is not sold in the county outside of Harrisonburg.

"I have recently been through Northern Virginia and seen the Eastern Shore," said Judge Mann this afternoon.

"I expect to go to the Eastern Shore soon," said Captain Willard.

"You ought to go," said Judge Mann. "That part of the State is for me; I tell you I have been there."

The Judge is in a very hopeful frame of mind. So is Captain Willard. He has been meeting friends ever since his arrival from Staunton early to-day. He left for his home in Fairfax to-morrow. He and Senator Martin spent the night there. The senator has been in fine spirits all day, shaking hands with the voters and conferring with friends, who are watching his interests. His rooms at the Harrisonburg Hotel are full of friends.

He will go to Staunton to-morrow, where he and Judge Mann will speak to-morrow night.

The yeomanry of old Rockingham were coming in by an 'old-time' way, the bi-monthly Circuit Court day. The band stationed on the veranda of the courthouse called the crowd to the large assembly room on the second floor. Shortly before 1 o'clock, when the musicians had started the crowd towards the courthouse they were in and then the speakers entered and went on the stage, escorted by Senator Kezell, chairman of the county committee and several other local Democrats.

### Martin Speaks.

After several selections by the band, Mr. J. B. Stevenson made a brief address, presenting Senator Martin, taking occasion to say the senator did not seek votes because of what he had written or what he had promised, but because of what he had done. "I unhesitatingly declare," he said, "that Thomas S. Martin has done more for Virginia than any man we have had in Washington since the war," a declaration that caused applause. This was renewed in many a way when Senator Martin came forward.

It had been a pleasure as well as a duty, he said, to work for the Democratic party. He had done so in every campaign in Virginia since he was twenty-one years of age. He wanted you, my fellow citizens, he said, when he had spoken a few minutes, "to return us to the senate, not because of any shortcomings, real or supposed, in my competitor. I stand upon my own record. There was applause at this and close attention was given the speaker as he proceeded to discuss Governor Montague's speech at Spotsylvania courthouse. "The department runner speech," as it has come to be known. "If it be a disavowal to answer every letter written by a constituent, I plead guilty," he said. "If I